

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Tennessee

FDA Presence: 57 FDA employees in Tennessee

Office/Resident Posts: Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Memphis, who report to: New Orleans District (temporarily relocated to the Nashville Office), who reports to: Southeast Region, Atlanta, Georgia

Industry Presence in State

There are 2,332 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Tennessee

Medical device and radiological establishments - 40 percent

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) – 31 percent

Human drug establishments - 18 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 5 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments - 6 percent

Industry Highlights

- Memphis import operation works around the clock to review entries of regulated products for Fed-Ex, the nation's largest overnight courier service. In FY '05, Memphis reviewed over 126,000 entries representing over 179,000 entry lines of FDA-regulated commodities.
- Major medical research centers at universities and hospitals in Memphis and Nashville
- One national biologics testing laboratory and several regional blood banking operations
- Major oral antibiotic manufacturer
- 2 major implantable device manufacturers
- Rapidly expanding freshwater prawn/shrimp industry
- 10 Paddlefish roe (domestic caviar) processors

Contracts & Partnerships

State contracts

Tennessee Department of Agriculture

- Conduct sanitation inspections of food manufacturers
- Conduct BSE feed mill inspections

Tennessee Department of Health

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities

State Partnerships

Tennessee Department of Agriculture and University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service

- Assist new and small food manufacturers in meeting appropriate state and federal guidelines for food products

Tennessee Department of Agriculture

- Conduct inspections of feed mills for medicated feeds and BSE

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

- Regulation of new x-ray assemblies or reassemblies

Special Programs

Active Food Safety Task Force since 2002. The TN Departments of Agriculture, Inspection & Veterinary Services; TN Department of Health Epidemiologist, TN Department of Education, Univ. of TN Agricultural Extension Service and several industry representatives meet quarterly for program planning and information sharing.